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WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SUBMITTING FALSE DOCUMENTS TO BANKRUPTCY COURT

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JANICE R. JORDAN, 53, of Orangevale, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Sacramento to making a false declaration in a bankruptcy case. She faces a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison, a three year term of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell was scheduled for June 4, 2004. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of the U.S. Trustee.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner, who is prosecuting the case, JORDAN, in her plea of guilty, admitted that in the course of litigation in a personal bankruptcy case, she filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Sacramento a false declaration under penalty of perjury. The declaration stated that JORDAN had made several payments to a creditor, and attached documents purported to be copies of the cashiers checks and money orders used to make the payments. In fact, JORDAN had not made the payments, and the documents attached to her declaration consisted of "cut and paste" copies of cashiers checks and money orders in which she had substituted payee, date and amount information.

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